Materials, Advanced Seiconductor Devices, Photonics/Optoelectronics and High Performance Computing are covered under the Technology Missions. Technology Missions launched by the Department of Electronics are based on the review of relevant frontier technologies and specific needs of the country and industry. Since funds available are limited, the Department of Electronics is concentrating first to implement the identified Missions and no new Mission is proposed to be added at present.

Local Duplication of International Software

2166. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for allowing local duplication of international software is being devised;

(b) if so, what is the nature of the scheme;

(c) whether suggestions are being solicited from concerned NGO in this regard; and

(d) by when the scheme is likely to be made effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS, DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) The policy of the Government as regards software duplication was framed in consultation with the Indian Information Technology Industry; and has already been notified vide Reserve Bank of India circular dated 29-3-93. The salient features of this policy are as follows:—

— Indian Software reproducers may conclude agreements without prior approval for software duplication with the overseas copyright holders for payment of royalty, on the basis of Indian Published Price.

— If the agreed rate of royalty to be remitted does not exceed 30% of the Indian Published Price then no prior approval is required and royalty can be paid through any authorised dealer in the country.

— If the rate of royalty to be remitted exceeds 30% of the Indian Published Price, then prior approval of Department of Electronics is required.

Software Technology Parks

2167. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a Software Technology Park (STP) in Nagpur; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS, DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Establishment of The Software Support Services and Education Centre

2168. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of the establishment of the Software Support, Services and Education Centre in India under the Indo-EC Memorandum of Technical Co-operation;

(b) where the Centre is proposed to be set up;

(c) what are the total finances required for the full setting up of the Centre; and

(d) the amount financed by the EC (European Community)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS, DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The Expenditure Finance Committee on 13-7-93 has approved establishment of a Software Services, Support and Education Centre at Bangalore. Accordingly, premises has been hired for locating the Centre. Recruitment of staff, furnishing of the